



CITY OF FOSTER CITY

Community Development Department

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Demolition or Abandoned Pool Requirements

The following are requirements for the demolition or abandonment of a swimming pool associated with a single-family dwelling:

1. A Pool Demolition Permit will be required. Please have legal property owner or licensed contractor complete the required [permit application](#).
2. A site plan will also be required showing the location of the pool area to be demolished and include all setbacks to property lines, lineal distance to nearby remaining structures, such as detached garage, septic tank, or other accessory structure. All structures are to be labeled on this site plan. The pool to be demolished shall be labeled as “Non- Buildable Area” or “Buildable Area”
 - *Non-Buildable Area* - If the post-demolition area is to become a non-buildable area, delineate the non-buildable area, including the dimensions, on the Plot Plan. A copy of this plot plan must be provided to the inspector for verification of dimensions at the time of inspection; the inspector will collect this as a supporting document.
 - *Buildable Area* - If the post-demolition area is to become buildable, you must provide the following supporting documents: The supervising engineer or Special Inspection Agency who will conduct the backfill compaction observation and provide a compaction report to the Building Division, declaring the abated area as buildable. The compaction report must be provided to the inspector at the time of inspection; the inspector will collect this as a supporting document.

Submittal of plan with permit application and supporting documents may be done over-the-counter with Permit Center staff or on [eTrakIt](#) our online portal.

The bottom of the pool’s shell shall have holes punched or drilled completely through it so water will be able to drain out of the bottom and not accumulate in the pool. An inspection of the holes will be required prior to backfilling the pool.

- The top 12 inches of the bond beam, coping and pool shall be removed, unless the top remains above grade.
- The pool shall be filled and compacted to a minimum of 90 percent maximum density. No rock or similar irreducible material with a maximum dimension of greater than 12 inches shall be buried or placed in the fill. It is suggested that the top 18 inches of soil be placed over a filter fabric. An inspection of the engineered fill will not be required. However, it is the permit holder’s responsibility to ensure that these requirements are followed.
- The natural gas line and electrical wiring serving the pool and pool equipment must be capped off as part of the demolition process. This step will be verified during inspection.